

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 19 were pending in the Application at the time of examination. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, 12 and 16 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Levine reference (US 6,118,392). The Examiner objected to Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 11 and 13 to 15 for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 11 and 13 to 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 6, 12 and 16 to 19, without prejudice. Applicant has amended Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 to place Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Consequently Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 6, 12, 16, 17, 18 AND 19

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, 12 and 16 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Levine reference (US 6,118,392).

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 6, 12 and 16 to 19, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 12 and 16 to 19 is now moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 11 and 13 to 15 for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 11 and 13 to 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

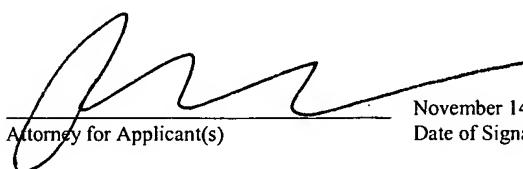
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

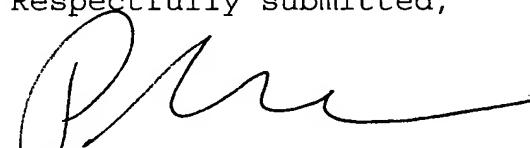
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